

## Senate Resolution 24

By: Senators Seay of the 34th and Buckner of the 44th

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Celebrating the centennial of the City of Riverdale; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, settlers moved to the area now known as the City of Riverdale long before the  
3 Civil War came to Georgia in the 1860's; and
- 4 WHEREAS, in 1887, a railroad track was built from Atlanta to Fort Valley, and the train  
5 would make frequent stops to collect wood and transport fertilizer, resulting in the area's first  
6 business venture; and
- 7 WHEREAS, as time progressed, the railroad needed more land, prompting Mr. and Mrs.  
8 W.S. Rivers to make a generous land donation, which allowed the area to become a main  
9 stop for the railroad; and
- 10 WHEREAS, in 1908, Mr. G.M. Huie, representative of Clayton County, introduced a bill  
11 requesting that the town of Riverdale, Clayton County, Georgia, be incorporated; and
- 12 WHEREAS, today, the City of Riverdale, named after Mr. and Mrs. Rivers, is located in the  
13 "Southern Crescent" of Clayton County, approximately 10 miles south of Atlanta; and
- 14 WHEREAS, with a population of more than 14,000, this metropolitan suburb with a diverse  
15 and dynamic population is the second largest populated city in Clayton County; and
- 16 WHEREAS, the City of Riverdale is proud of its warm hospitality and has welcomed  
17 residents from all parts of the country and world; and
- 18 WHEREAS, the City of Riverdale commemorated a century of local governance and  
19 community service with its 100 Year Birthday Bash on July 8, 2008, on the campus of City  
20 Hall, and held a number of activities to celebrate its 100th birthday, including a historic night  
21 of live music and dancing under the stars and a parade; and

22 WHEREAS, the City of Riverdale continues to look with optimism toward the future while  
23 keeping the proud memory of its beginning close to its heart to share with succeeding  
24 generations.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the celebration of the  
26 centennial of the City of Riverdale, Georgia, be recognized and that its rich heritage of its  
27 100 years be honored.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
29 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the City of Riverdale, Georgia.